IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No. 27060 of 2005

Between:

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,

rep by Chief General Manager,

Telcom., A.P., Circle, Hyderabad and another

..... PETITIONERS

AND

The Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner,

Employees Provident Fund Organisation,
(Ministry of Labour, Government of India),

Sub-Regional Office, Balasamudram Hanamkonda,

Warangal and another

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents.

The petitioners question the impugned order dated 31.07.2005, passed by the 1st respondent under Section 7-A and 7-Q of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (for short 'the Act'), demanding the payment of contributions and interest, amounting to Rs.13,91,976/-.

The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in fact, the said amount has been paid under protest and question the said order.

I am of the opinion that as against the impugned order, appeal lies to the appellate Tribunal under Section 7-I of the Act.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner is permitted to file an appeal before the appropriate Tribunal against the impugned order, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above observations, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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V.ESWARAIAH,J

Dated: 20.12.2005

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